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For the Examiner's convenience, applicants have grouped the documents into groups A-J to assist the Examiner during the examination of this application. Applicants believe that the documents in groups D-G may be relevant to the claimed subject matter of this application, however, documents in the other groups may also be relevant. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all of the documents listed herein. Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith, unless otherwise noted.

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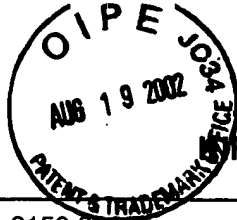
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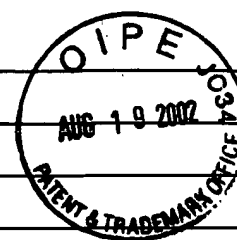
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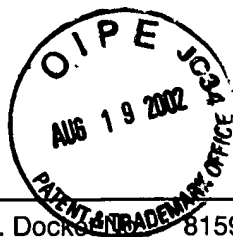
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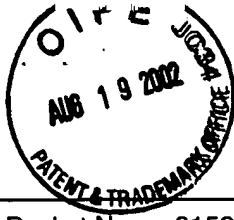
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